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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Keiichi Tomitsuka, et al.

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For

COMMUNICATION METHOD, AND NETWORK DEVICE OR

SYSTEM FOR PURCHASING NEW ITEM OR PICKING-UP OF OLD

ITEMS

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Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.121(a)

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment.